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1. REF 1 AUTHORIZED MOVEMENT INTO US REFUGEE SYSTEM OF
VIETNAMESE EMPLOYEES OF US MISSION LAOS AND THEIR IMMEDIATE
FAMILY RELATIVES. REF 2 SIMILARLY MADE CAMBODIAN EMPLOYEES
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OF MISSION ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE INTO US. FAMILIES OF

CAMBODIAN EMPLOYEES ALSO ELIGIBLE UNDER DEFINITION OF CLOSE RELATIVES IN REF 4. REF 3 REQUESTED VISAS FALCON NAME CHECKS FOR LAO REFUGEES BUT POINTED OUT THAT PAROLE NOT YET AUTHORIZED FOR THIS CATEGORY.

2- REFS 5 AND 6 STATED NAME CHECKS HAD BEEN COMPLETED FOR REFUGEES OF DIFFERENT NATIONALITIES AND AUTHORIZED POST ISSUE THEM LETTERS OF PAROLE. IN CASE OF LAO, HOWEVER, SUCH LETTERS SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE ISSUED SINCE WE STILL DO NOT HAVE PAROLE AUTHORITY FOR LAO ALTHOUGH WE ARE HOPEFUL OF OBTAINING IT SHORTLY PER REF 7.

3. MOST RECENT ESTIMATE IN BANGKOK'S 13096 OF LESS THAN 1,500 LAO IN THAILAND WHO MAY APPLY FOR ADMISSION TO US IS

IDENTICAL WITH EARLIER FIGURE IN VIENTIANE'S 4008. SINCE WE HOPE SHORTLY TO INFORM APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES ABOUT PLAN TO PAROLE LAO, ADDRESSEE POSTS SHOULD PROVIDE SOONEST ANY REFINEMENTS OF ABOVE ESTIMATES THAT 1,500 LAO IN THAILAND MAY APPLY FOR ASYLUM IN US. WE ANTICIPATE THAT ANOTHER 1,500 MIGHT APPLY FROM THIRD COUNTRIES. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE LATEST FIGURES ON TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO HAVE ALREADY APPLIED FOR ASYLUM AT POSTS IN THAILAND. IN SOME CASES LAO HAVE INFORMALLY REQUESTED ADMISSION TO US, FOR INSTANCE AS BANGKOK'S 13131 REPORTED KHAMKING SOUVANLASA DID, BUT WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED VISAS FALCON MESSAGES ON THEM.

4. WE ALSO CONCERNED THAT LARGE NUMBERS OF VIETNAMESE HAVE BEEN MOVED OUT OF UDORN INTO US REFUGEE SYSTEM. WHILE REF 1 AUTHORIZED MOVEMENT OF USG EMPLOYEES AND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILIES, IT APPEARS THAT FAMILY MEMBERS ARE IN TURN BRINGING THEIR RELATIVES OUT, AND LATTER ARE THEN BRINGING THEIR RELATIVES OUT UNTIL ALL MEMBERS OF EXTENDED FAMILY WHICH REPORTEDLY MAY NUMBER UP TO 70 PERSONS ARE BEING BROUGHT INTO US SYSTEM. UDORN SHOULD INFORM DEPT OF TOTAL NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE WHO HAVE BEEN MOVED INTO US SYSTEM AND WHETHER THIS HAS BEEN DONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURES IN REF 4, INCLUDING SUBMISSION BY POST OF VISAS FALCON MESSAGES AND SUBSEQUENT ISSUANCE BY POST OF PAROLE

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